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**SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) and copies of the cited documents. JP 2001-85408 is cited and discussed on page 2 of Applicants' specification.

This Statement also submits additional papers to the PTO from International Application No. PCT/JP2004/013922. The submitted papers are:

- (1) PCT Notification of Transmittal of Copies of Translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IB/338); and
- (2) PCT Translation of International Preliminary Report on Patentability (PCT/IPEA/409).

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in advance of the receipt of a first Office Action in this application. Therefore, it is believed that no fees are due under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(b)(3).

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